

**STATE OF INDIANA**  
**Board for Proprietary Education**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board for Proprietary Education met in regular session starting at 10:00 a.m. at 101 West Ohio Street, Suite 300, Kent Weldon Board Room, with Chairman Sauer presiding.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

*Members Present:* Eric Ogle, Joe Pearson, Ken Sauer, and Maia Saprashvilli-Lee.

*Members Absent:* Rod Haywood, Jr., and Ken Konesco

*Guests Present:* Connie Adelman, Kristen Akers, Jerry Ausbun, Jeff Biltz, Danielle Brock, Tom Brouwer, Rebecca DeVos, Paula Hartman, Toni Herron, Vanessa Phares, Robin Shapiro, Glenna Shelby, Karen Swenson, and Lee Tinchler.

It was determined that there was a quorum for the March 8, 2016 Board meeting.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE December, 2015 BOARD MEETING**

**R-16-01.1**      **Resolved:** That the Board for Proprietary Education hereby approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2015 regular meeting  
(Motion – Pearson, second – Ogle, unanimously approved)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Sauer began his report by introducing the new Board member Ms. Saprashvilli-Lee, who then told the Board of her background with the Ministry of Education in her native country of Georgia.

The Board meeting agenda included a very important discussion item on Nursing, which may lead to more discussion items in the future. The business portion of the agenda was the shortest since the Board was formed in July of 2012, with only two institutional program proposals.

**II. DISCUSSION ITEM**

Dr. Sauer began by introducing the topic of nursing pass rate data as the topic of discussion. The discussion of NCLEX pass rate data was placed in the context of the three sectors (public institutions, non-profit institutions, and for-profit institutions). Introduced was Ms. Herron, Education Officer with the Indiana State Board of Nursing (ISBN) who would be presenting as part of the discussion.

The discussion would be an initial discussion of nursing pass rates and the Board will return to this topic. There are two broad reasons to have the Board look at NCLEX pass rates. The first reason is that the Commission looks at return on investment data. Dr. Sauer then invited Commissioner Lubbers to speak to the Board about the Commission's work on return on investment data.

Commissioner Lubbers stated that this was an opportunity to talk about not only the Commission's current report on return on investment data, but also to let the Board know that the Commission would be voting at its' March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting on the content of the newest strategic plan, *Reaching Higher, Delivering Value*. This plan builds on the previous strategic plan, *Reaching Higher and Delivering More*. The strategic plans address not only what are your educational costs and how much debt a student has but return on investment in terms of a job and quality of life, and engagement in the job. The Commission has always looked at how we could take another step in providing the most comprehensive view of the value of higher education. There are things the Commission could do to make sure the education investment is wiser and smarter in how people spend state dollars in a data driven way. Further, how does the Commission use that data to convey a message to Hoosiers in making wise educational choices. Lastly, Commissioner Lubbers expressed her appreciation for Ms. Herron helping the Commission regarding Nursing pass rates. It would be a precursor at looking at other types of licensing pass rates going forward.

Dr. Sauer stated that another reason for taking a look at this analysis was the closure of a for-profit institution with very low NCLEX pass rates. Outlined was the content of the overall NCLEX ASN, BSN, and LPN programs in comparison with each against the three sectors, and the national pass rates in those respective areas.

Dr. Sauer then turned the discussion presentation to Mr. Miller. The campus level data in the proprietary sector was outlined. Among the points made were that Harrison College at Fort Wayne had an RN NCLEX pass rate of 100% while the defunct Indiana Dabney University had an ASN 21% NCLEX pass rate, lowest among all of the for-profit institutions.

The presentation concluded with Ms. Herron, who provided information about ISBN. The agency mission is to provide protection to the public by making sure that ethical individuals are available to be licensed as caregivers. Secondly, to accredit pre-licensure nursing programs. A timeline of the closure of Indiana Dabney University was given and the resulting evaluation of similar institutions with low pass rates.

Mr. Ogle expressed his concern at the difference between the public and for-profit institutional NCLEX pass rates, the increased enrollment at for-profit institutions, and the higher tuition costs. To that point Dr. Sauer emphasized that part of the follow-up could be to have institutions appear before the Board for review of their programs. Mr. Perkins stated that he would like to know further information concerning the criteria the Board could look at if it were to review programs with low pass rates.

Dr. Sauer invited Harrison College Nursing program representatives to address the Board directly. Ms. Hartman, Dean of Nursing at Harrison College stated that the institution as a whole was supportive of the nursing program, but allowed the department to set its own curriculum. Ms. Hartman also commented on the relationship that the institution had with local hospitals. Ms. Hartman answered specific questions from Commissioner Lubbers who had asked about the suspended nursing program at Fort Wayne, and if any plans had been made for Harrison College to offer a BSN program.

### **III. TIME – SENSITIVE ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Academic Degree Programs**

1. Master of Science in School Counseling to be offered by American College of Education

Representing American College of Education was: Dr. Ausburn, Assistant Dean, Ms. Swenson, Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Compliance, and Dr. Tincher, Assistant Dean.

Mr. Miller presented the staff report recommending that American College of Education be granted approval to offer one Master's degree program via distance education.

**R-16-01.2                      RESOLVED:** That the Board for Proprietary Education approves by consent the following recommendation, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item.  
(Motion – Pearson, second – Siprashvilli-Lee, unanimously approved)

2. Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assistant to be offered by Brightwood College at Hammond

Representing Brightwood College was: Ms. Brock, Medical Assistant Program Director, and Ms. DeVos, Academic Dean, Campus President.

Mr. Miller presented the staff report recommending that Brightwood College be granted approval to offer one Associate's degree program at one location.

**R-16-01.3                      Resolved:** That the Board for Proprietary Education approves by consent the following recommendation, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item.  
(Motion – Pearson, second – Sauer, unanimously approved)

**IV.    INFORMATION ITEM**  
**OLD BUSINESS**  
**NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**V.    ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

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Dr. Ken Sauer, Chairman

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Date